

# MARQUETTE COUNTY QUILTERS ASSOCIATION

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Welcome Joe Cunningham  
author of "Men and the Art  
of Quilting,"  
entertainer, and  
internationally known quilter

## Workshop: Where the Mild Things Are

A few last minute seats are available, Pre-registration required

(See at [www.joethequilter.com](http://www.joethequilter.com))

→ Wednesday, February 2, 10:00 am

→ Country Kitchen in Ishpeming

The cost is \$15.00 for MCQA members, \$25.00 for non-members

Materials needed: sewing machine, rotary cutter, 6 ½" or 6" square rule.

2 yards each of 4 different colors. (Joe suggests, pink, green, brown, and sky blue) Contact Judy Parlato, 346-6344, to reserve your place, and prepare for a fun and creative day!

## Lecture: Joe the Quilter

The lecture begins at 6:30 in the Peter White Library Community Room.

The cost is \$5.00 for everyone. The public is invited to attend. We will not have show and tell or a business meeting. But we will enjoy Joe's quilting lore, musical talent, and quilts. Be ready for a special quilting evening with Joe the Quilter.

### 2011 Officers

*President:* Judy Parlato

*Vice President - Programming:* Linda Dompierre, Alice Johnson, Marcia Wentela

*Vice President – Publicity:* Sara Doubleddee

*Secretary:* Ragene Henry

*Treasurer:* Martha Jennings

### 2011 Committee Chairs

*Hospitality:* Tracey Cairati, Carol Luoma

*Membership:* Esther Johnson, Jackie Shier, Teresa Zielinski

*Library:* Connie Hagle, Sara Hagle

*Newsletter Editor:* Jeanne Baumann

*Teddy Bear Quilts:* Bev Boyer, Judy Gordon, Pauline Gould

*Webmaster:* Nancy Henderson

*Christmas in July:* Ev-Ann Johnson, Ann Pillote

*November Quilt Sale:* Rosemary Glenn

*2011 Workshop (Joe the Quilter):* Judy Parlato, Carol Siebe, Cindy Yackel

*2012 Raffle Quilt:* Rochelle Black, Chris Wiik

*Several openings are available for chairpersons of our standing committees. Please consider becoming involved by volunteering to help fill these positions.*

Charity Quilts  
Historian/Photographer  
Property/Equipment  
2012 Quilt Show Chairs  
2012 Raffle Quilt Sale



Program News from Linda, Alice, Marcia:

Yes, it is still about 5 weeks away,  
but don't forget about the

## stash bashing challenge



issued during the January program:

Bring something you have **made in 2011**  
that has reduced your stash. There will  
be a special show\*and\*tell for these  
items during the program at the **March**  
meeting.

As promised, here are web links to the stash  
bashing ideas shared by Marcia in the  
January program:

### mug rug tutorial

<http://stashmanicure.blogspot.com/2010/11/mug-rug-of-scraps.html>

### small toy parts storage bag

<http://obsessivelystitching.blogspot.com/2009/09/drawstring-bags-tutorial.html>

### personalized bath towel

<http://www.what-rachel-made-today.blogspot.com/2010/08/tutorial-personalized-bath-towel.html>

### Appliqued Fall Pillow

<http://www.cluckclucksew.com/2009/10/tutorial-scrap-buster-fall-pillow.html>

### Poochie Bags

<http://thehappyzombie.com/blog/?p=368>

Monica has had patterns published in several Quilts and More Magazines

### name badges

<http://www.midcraftcrisis.blogspot.com/2010/03/fabric-name-badges.html>

### one-sie fun

<http://www.treyandlucy.blogspot.com/2009/04/tieguitar-pattern-is-here.html>

### green snack bags

<http://www.weewonderfuls.com/2010/02/to-keep-the-goldfish-safe-and-warm.html>

### pieced scrap border quilt

<http://www.redpepperquilts.com/2009/10/tutorial.html>

### scrap management

<http://www.crazymomquilts.blogspot.com/2009/02/scrap-management.html>

<http://www.crazymomquilts.blogspot.com/2009/11/using-it-all.html>



And remember Teddy Bear quilts!

Judy's News:

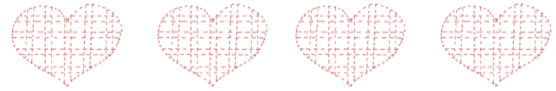
## Secret Pals - a MCQA Tradition

Members of our guild have had such fun getting to know one another through the Secret Pal opportunity. Pals are assigned in January and throughout the year special surprises are given at the monthly meetings. The "secret" pal is always revealed at the Christmas potluck.

If you are interested and have not had a chance to enter your name, you still have the rest of January. Please go to our website [www.marquettequilters.com](http://www.marquettequilters.com) and download a form and mail it before February 1, 2011 to Judy Parlato at 456 W. M-35 Gwinn, MI 49841

Here are some suggestions for creative and inexpensive gifts submitted by the membership in December.

1. Watch for sale items-use your local store coupons
2. Give a gently used paperback or pattern book you have already used
3. Give a recipe and sample of a yummy treat and an ingredient that is expensive or hard to find
4. A hand-sewn item like a wallet, pincushion, or potholder
5. Take a candid photo of your pal and frame it
6. Give a funny card and a collection of timely coupons
7. Give a hand-sewn Christmas ornament
8. Give a stack of (5"x5") Charm squares cut from your stash
9. Root a cutting from one of your plants and pot it in a pretty container



More inspiration for Secret Pals and other small remembrances:

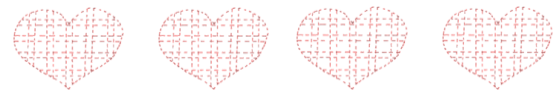
Marcia Wentala has volunteered to offer web ideas and patterns for Secret Pal gifts each month.

For February Valentines she offers:

<http://www.modabakeshop.com/2009/02/valentine-pennie-pockets.html>

<http://sewmamasew.com/blog2/?p=4976> This one has a whole list of Valentine Day Tutorials (some cute, some not so much)

<http://www.modabakeshop.com/2009/01/candy-wrappers.html>



Thank you, Marcia, for your many inspirations!

### Snacks

for our Special Evening, February 2:

Our hospitality volunteers this month are Linda Dompierre, Carol Siebe, Ann Pilotte, Judy Parlato. Thank you!

**All members:** Please consider bringing a contribution to the refreshments, as we host the public to our special evening lecture.



*In a little quilt shop in the mountains of western Virginia I saw this sign:*

### **5 TIPS FOR A WOMAN**

- 1. It is important that a man helps you around the house and has a job.**
- 2. It is important that a man makes you laugh.**
- 3. It is important to find a man you can count on and doesn't lie to you.**
- 4. It is important that a man loves you and spoils you.**
- 5. It is important that these four men don't know each other.**

*The husband and wife team who owned this shop had also created a special waiting room for husbands complete with comfy couches and easy chairs, a TV, and sports, news, and car magazines.*

*I like the way they think! -Ragene*



### MCQA minutes – January 2011

Fifty five members were present when the January meeting of MQA was called to order at 6:30 p.m. January 5, by president, Judy Parlato. Show and tell was followed by the program "Inspiration for 2011" presented by Alice Johnson, Marcia Wentala, and Linda Dompierre. They shared ideas for organization, preparing for workshops and retreats, and using up your stash of scraps.

The business portion of the meeting began with introduction of new officers, announcements of volunteers needed for charity quilts, historian/photographer, retreat planners, quilt show chairmen, and a new position – property manager. It was agreed that Blotto would be done 3-4 times a year, rather than monthly, and will be organized by a different friendship group each time, beginning with Evann Johnson and Ann Pilloti's group. Newsletter and website managers requested that members send them items in order to keep these communications both vital and up to date.

Several positions were filled at the meeting – Christmas in July will be headed up by Evann Johnson and Ann Pilloti, November quilt sale chair will be Rosemary Glenn. The raffle quilt team will be Chris Wiik and Rochelle Black, National Quilt day will be handled by Alice Johnson, Bylaws and Constitution committee will be made up of Nancy Henderson, Jeanne Bauman, Alice Johnson, Sara Doubledee, and Judy Parlato. They will meet to revise/rewrite the bylaws and constitution so it better reflects our association.

The treasurer's report was given and the budget for 2011 was proposed by Chris Swenor. The report showed an ending balance for 2010 of \$8,052.26. The budget for 2011 has been reorganized to make it clearer and more straight forward for future treasurers. A motion to accept the budget was made by Evann Johnson and seconded by Alice Johnson. It passed unanimously.

After some discussion it was decided that there will be no changes, no parameters, put on Secret sisters/secret pals. Participants were reminded that it doesn't have to be every month, but may be done for special occasions like birthdays and holidays. Suggestions were presented for thoughtful gifts that wouldn't be prohibitively costly.

President Parlato thanked the members for their patience and participation as she adjourned the meeting at 8:38.

Ragene Henry

## MCQA March Retreat Details – don't let this deadline slip away!

Traditional Quilters Delight and Art Quilters Creative Challenge

<http://www.laundrybasketquilts.com/Shop/shopindex.htm>

(See Edyta Sitar's traditional quilt patterns, any art quilters can tweak them!)

**Dates:** Friday March 25 – Sunday March 27

**Place:** Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp – Crystal Falls

**Meals Provided:** Saturday Brunch, Saturday Dinner, Sunday Brunch

**Cost:** \$80, **due by Feb. 15**, Checks made out to MCQA,  
mail to Judy Parlato, 456 W. M-35 Gwinn, MI 49841

**Program Plans:** (Surprise) Fun Friday Night Project  
Free Edyta Sitar Patterns from [www.moda bake shop.com](http://www.modabake.com)

**Contact:** Call Judy (906)346-6344 or e-mail [judparlato@chartermi.net](mailto:judparlato@chartermi.net)

### New Art Quilt Documentary Film from Houston

“**Stitched**” is a one hour documentary recently produced by two Houston women introduced to contemporary quilting by their city's International Quilt Show and Market. The film follows award winning quilters Caryl Bryer Fallert, Hollis Chantelain and Randall Cook for one year as they create quilts that continue to expand the creative horizons of the quilting world while juggling life's demands to meet the show's deadlines.

This documentary film is also an award winner. A three-minute excerpt was shown at the Aurora Picture Show's Extremely Shorts Festival and won second place in a field of 90 films.

Teresa Ross, Escanaba, is lobbying WNMU-TV13 / PBS to show this film after it is released in April, 2011. Our region's quilters, artists and creative community make up a sizable potential audience, and a showing could be a promotional opportunity for the region's fiber retailers. A note or call to WNMU-TV would let them know of the potential viewer interest.

To check it out: A short clip can be viewed at the website for the film: [www.stitchedfilm.com](http://www.stitchedfilm.com). An excellent background article appeared in Houston Woman Magazine on December 16 ...

<http://www.houstonwomanmagazine.com/index.php/issues/3-newsflash/413-stitched-in-time>

### Staying in Touch:

#### Newsletter and Website

Deadline for our next newsletter:

**February 16.**

Send your news, announcements, and other 'quilty' information to share to Jeanne at [mqanewsletter@yahoo.com](mailto:mqanewsletter@yahoo.com)

Our website is a great way to stay up to date with plans, our recent event news, pictures from our show\*and\*tell, and favorite links from members. Send your news to Nancy

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